

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 5, 8-12 and 14 are currently being amended. No new matter is being added.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-14 are now pending in this application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-7 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub No. 2002/0023543 to Mori (hereafter “Mori”). Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,832,221 to Takahashi (hereafter “Takahashi”). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori in view of Takahashi, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,883,981 to Kizaki (hereafter “Kizaki”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A printing system comprising:

an input section which inputs print data;

a division section which divides the print data input by the input section into page units;

a storage which stores each page-unit of print data obtained by the division section;

a control section which extracts from the storage the page-unit print data selected according to a predefined page extraction format;

a first addition section which adds print setting state data to the page-unit print data each obtained by the control section;

a second addition section which adds page description data to the page-unit print data each obtained by the control section;

a generation section which generates a print job control script file for the print data obtained by the control section; and

a print section which performs printing in accordance with the print job control script file generated by the generation section.

Mori fails to disclose at least the above italicized features of claim 1, where a print job control script file is generated for page-unit print data extracted from a storage which is selected according to a predefined page extraction format.

Mori, as discussed in the abstract, discloses an information processing apparatus in which a preview of a job that combines data to be printed output from an application is presented. An intermediate data conversion unit converts print data created by the application to an intermediate code format and stores the converted intermediate code format data and processing conditions of print data. An editing unit edits the data converted to an intermediate code format or processing conditions of the print data. A data creation unit creates print data and processing conditions that implement print processing different from the print data created by the application based on the edited data. A preview display control unit displays the print processing result in advance based on the created print data and processing conditions.

Mori, however, in contrast to claim 1, does not disclose generating a print job control script file for page-unit print data extracted from a storage which is selected according to a predefined page extraction format. Thus, Mori fails to anticipate claim 1.

Takahashi and Kizaki were cited for other features of the claims but fail to cure the deficiencies of Mori.

Independent claims 12 and 14 recite features corresponding to those discussed above with respect to claim 1 in the context of a method claims and a computer readable medium claim, respectively, and are patentable for analogous reasons.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as for further patentable features recited therein.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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